

Republicans Helped the Unemployed

**Committee on Ways and
Means**

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Record Federal Unemployment Support Provided by Republicans

- \$23 billion in special temporary extended unemployment benefits were paid to 8 million recipients between 2002 and 2004.
- Under the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation program, unemployed workers received 9 months of total benefits, or up to 15 months where jobs were scarce.

State-by-State Breakdown of \$23 Billion Temporary Federal Unemployment Benefits Paid to 8 Million Individuals 2002-2004

| State | Number of Beneficiaries | Benefits Paid |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------|
| AK | 26,507 | \$52,519,200 |
| AL | 94,815 | \$156,220,605 |
| AR | 52,464 | \$119,645,989 |
| AZ | 82,055 | \$147,459,634 |
| CA | 899,441 | \$2,661,064,225 |
| CO | 109,598 | \$364,001,985 |
| CT | 118,413 | \$397,995,081 |
| DC | 15,792 | \$62,971,891 |
| DE | 16,944 | \$44,277,053 |
| FL | 354,936 | \$741,634,143 |
| GA | 208,091 | \$421,851,945 |
| HI | 18,952 | \$64,115,107 |
| IA | 64,212 | \$148,500,378 |
| ID | 32,846 | \$68,650,830 |
| IL | 381,981 | \$1,312,291,514 |
| IN | 141,273 | \$331,369,921 |
| KS | 48,068 | \$188,206,379 |
| KY | 80,471 | \$228,735,223 |
| LA | 68,984 | \$136,836,837 |
| MA | 340,590 | \$1,310,688,341 |
| MD | 101,846 | \$226,359,551 |
| ME | 20,577 | \$44,431,145 |
| MI | 331,708 | \$1,161,946,435 |
| MN | 125,040 | \$387,629,049 |
| MO | 127,226 | \$267,205,936 |
| MS | 60,168 | \$104,859,497 |
| MT | 15,343 | \$25,908,265 |
| NC | 335,515 | \$809,431,964 |
| ND | 8,880 | \$13,203,119 |
| NE | 28,491 | \$64,083,089 |
| NH | 9,547 | \$34,390,878 |
| NJ | 381,444 | \$1,515,453,684 |
| NM | 12,505 | \$57,625,619 |
| NV | 52,511 | \$181,973,541 |
| NY | 716,142 | \$1,893,241,834 |
| OH | 235,599 | \$727,680,980 |
| OK | 56,397 | \$146,472,596 |
| OR | 150,860 | \$667,436,509 |
| PA | 421,285 | \$1,723,202,662 |
| RI | 31,460 | \$91,597,403 |
| SC | 113,390 | \$244,893,174 |
| SD | 3,764 | \$7,473,913 |
| TN | 173,366 | \$338,070,621 |
| TX | 451,098 | \$1,239,127,386 |
| UT | 43,447 | \$122,318,492 |
| VA | 110,656 | \$304,366,106 |
| VT | 11,571 | \$31,378,074 |
| WA | 199,729 | \$1,231,719,839 |
| WI | 129,738 | \$383,949,488 |
| WV | 27,384 | \$64,586,920 |
| WY | 2,070 | \$11,723,485 |
| US | 7,763,030 | \$23,243,447,466 |

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

- **\$8 billion in Federal unemployment funds went to the States to help the unemployed.**
- While being available to assist the unemployed, this transfer kept State unemployment taxes from rising in 30 States, according to the Government Accountability Office.

Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 Special Reed Act Distribution

(\$ in Millions)

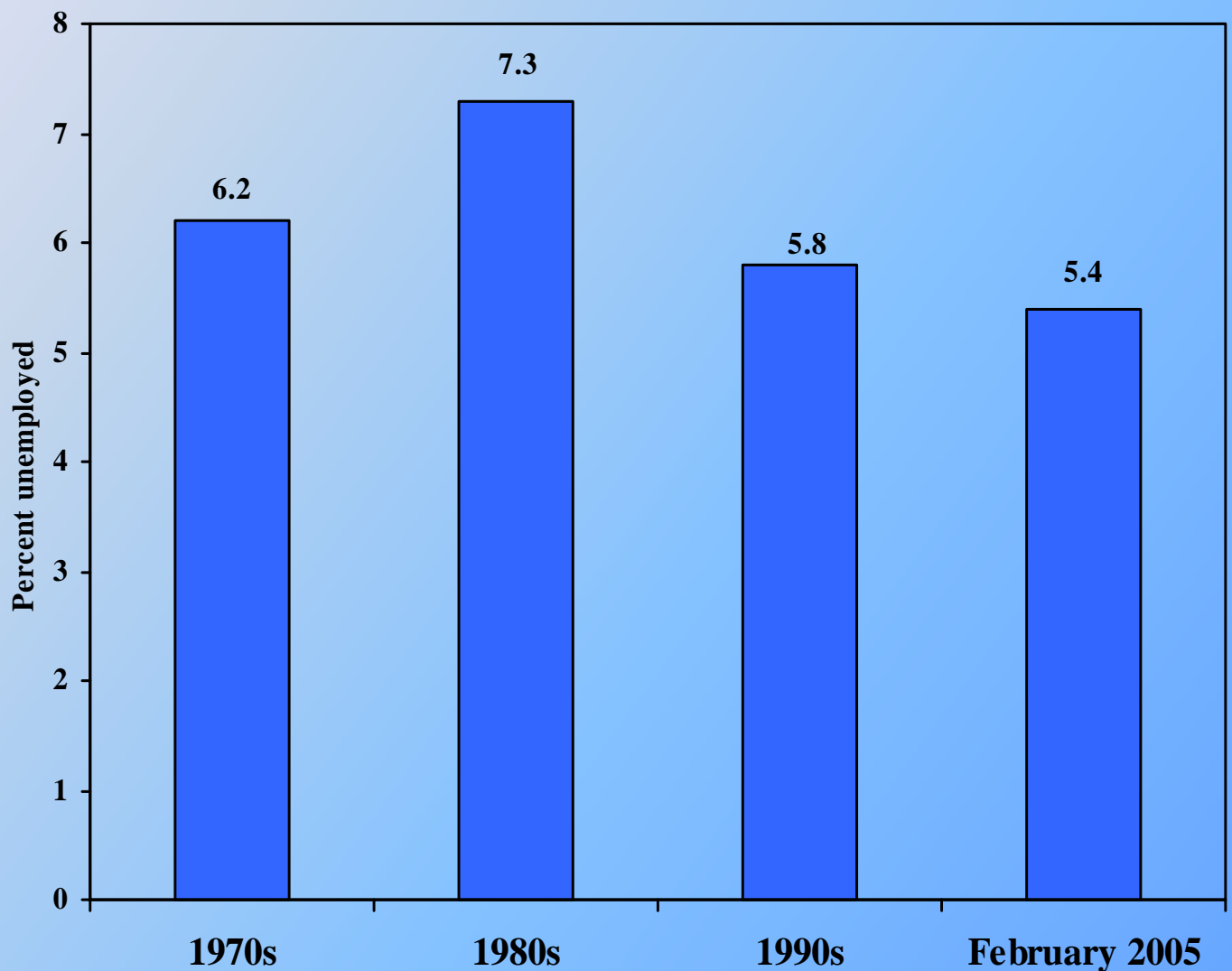
| STATE | DISTRIBUTION | APPROPRIATED | EXPENDED | AVAILABLE ¹ |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| ALABAMA | \$110.62 | \$1.45 | \$0.00 | \$109.17 |
| ALASKA | \$14.82 | \$9.43 | \$2.50 | \$5.39 |
| ARIZONA | \$144.08 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$144.08 |
| ARKANSAS | \$63.96 | \$2.17 | \$51.80 | \$12.16 |
| CALIFORNIA | \$936.87 | \$177.12 | \$936.87 | \$0.00 |
| COLORADO | \$142.67 | \$18.08 | \$129.62 | \$13.05 |
| CONNECTICUT | \$100.42 | \$9.00 | \$4.13 | \$91.42 |
| DELAWARE | \$26.02 | \$0.00 | \$26.02 | \$0.00 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | \$25.77 | \$6.00 | \$3.51 | \$19.77 |
| FLORIDA | \$449.67 | \$15.80 | \$15.77 | \$433.87 |
| GEORGIA | \$249.67 | \$50.86 | \$0.00 | \$198.81 |
| HAWAII | \$30.76 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$30.76 |
| IDAHO | \$32.24 | \$7.00 | \$7.00 | \$25.24 |
| ILLINOIS | \$376.24 | \$0.00 | \$376.24 | \$0.00 |
| INDIANA | \$174.57 | \$66.00 | \$3.98 | \$108.57 |
| IOWA | \$82.40 | \$82.39 | \$6.78 | \$0.01 |
| KANSAS | \$78.17 | \$3.57 | \$20.12 | \$58.05 |
| KENTUCKY | \$103.83 | \$103.83 | \$1.66 | (\$0.00) |
| LOUISIANA | \$105.50 | \$11.87 | \$5.26 | \$93.63 |
| MAINE | \$32.49 | \$9.76 | \$1.79 | \$22.73 |
| MARYLAND | \$142.93 | \$6.32 | \$0.00 | \$136.61 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | \$193.64 | \$14.16 | \$187.75 | \$0.00 |
| MICHIGAN | \$291.49 | \$287.21 | \$213.89 | \$4.28 |
| MINNESOTA | \$163.06 | \$12.00 | \$163.06 | \$0.00 |
| MISSISSIPPI | \$64.67 | \$19.32 | \$9.77 | \$45.35 |
| MISSOURI | \$161.43 | \$0.00 | \$161.43 | \$0.00 |
| MONTANA | \$18.55 | \$4.11 | \$6.04 | \$12.51 |
| NEBRASKA | \$48.38 | \$34.40 | \$0.00 | \$13.98 |
| NEVADA | \$68.08 | \$15.00 | \$1.10 | \$53.08 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | \$38.48 | \$0.00 | \$6.58 | \$31.89 |
| NEW JERSEY | \$242.82 | \$67.00 | \$14.27 | \$175.82 |
| NEW MEXICO | \$38.60 | \$24.98 | \$5.40 | \$13.62 |
| NEW YORK | \$491.34 | \$0.00 | \$491.34 | \$0.00 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | \$240.89 | \$0.00 | \$240.88 | \$0.00 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | \$15.27 | \$15.27 | \$0.23 | (\$0.00) |
| OHIO | \$343.71 | \$152.00 | \$27.52 | \$191.71 |
| OKLAHOMA | \$81.44 | \$8.22 | \$3.12 | \$73.22 |
| OREGON | \$98.03 | \$36.40 | \$2.53 | \$61.63 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | \$337.60 | \$25.00 | \$22.98 | \$312.60 |
| RHODE ISLAND | \$27.12 | \$2.60 | \$6.03 | \$21.09 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | \$108.20 | \$10.96 | \$5.70 | \$97.25 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | \$19.14 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$19.14 |
| TENNESSEE | \$162.63 | \$7.40 | \$2.45 | \$155.23 |
| TEXAS | \$596.45 | \$0.00 | \$596.45 | \$0.00 |
| UTAH | \$61.63 | \$4.69 | \$19.42 | \$42.21 |
| VERMONT | \$16.40 | \$6.00 | \$5.96 | \$10.40 |
| VIRGINIA | \$214.95 | \$30.91 | \$111.78 | \$103.17 |
| WASHINGTON | \$167.01 | \$11.50 | \$1.44 | \$155.51 |
| WEST VIRGINIA | \$36.21 | \$4.26 | \$1.45 | \$31.95 |
| WISCONSIN | \$166.21 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$166.21 |
| WYOMING | \$12.04 | \$12.04 | \$0.18 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | \$8,000 | \$1,386 | \$3,909 | \$3,339 |

¹ As of January 26, 2005.

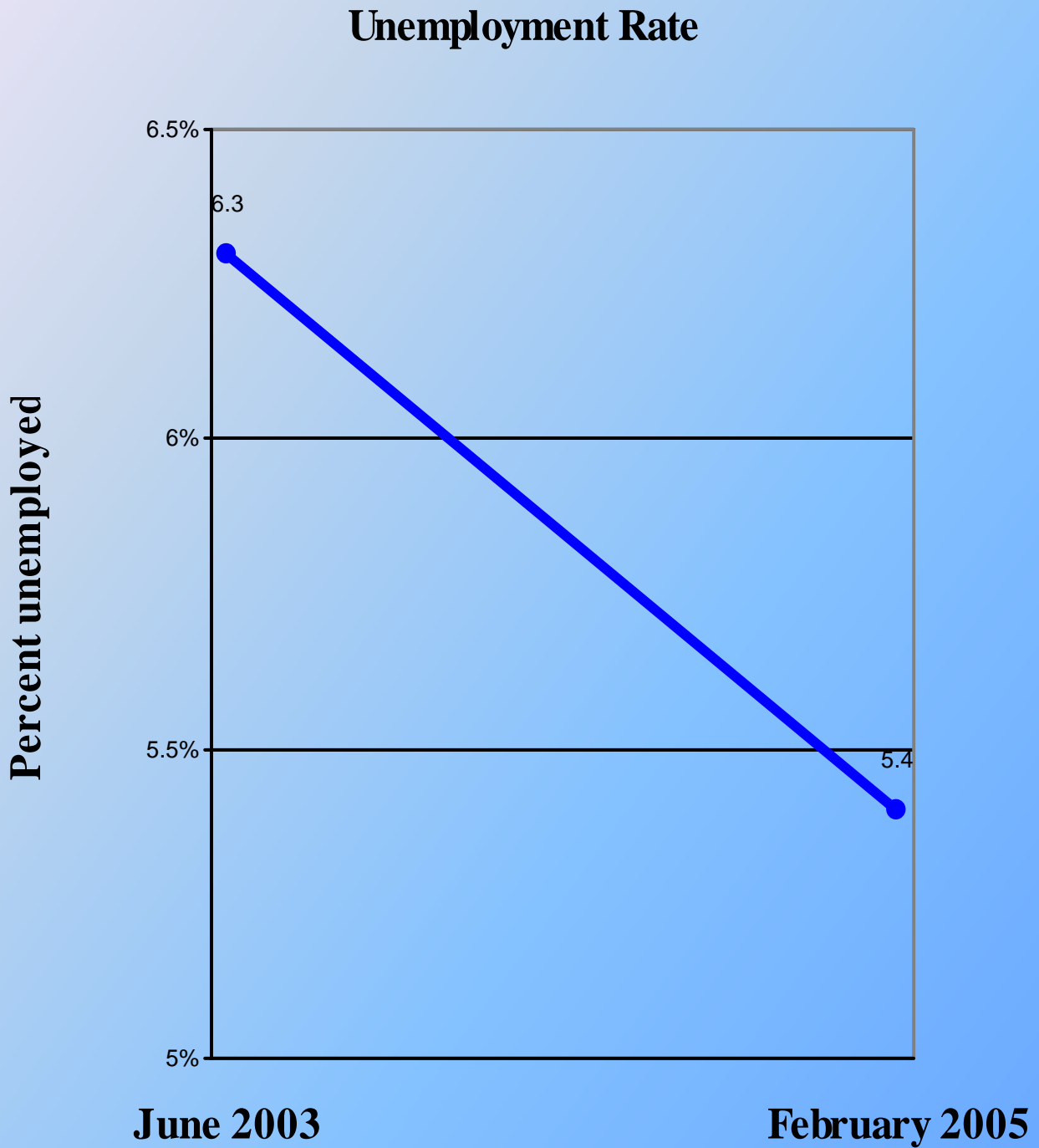
Source: U.S. Department of Labor.

Current Unemployment Rate Below Average for All of 1970s, 1980s and 1990s

Unemployment Rate: Recent Decades and Current



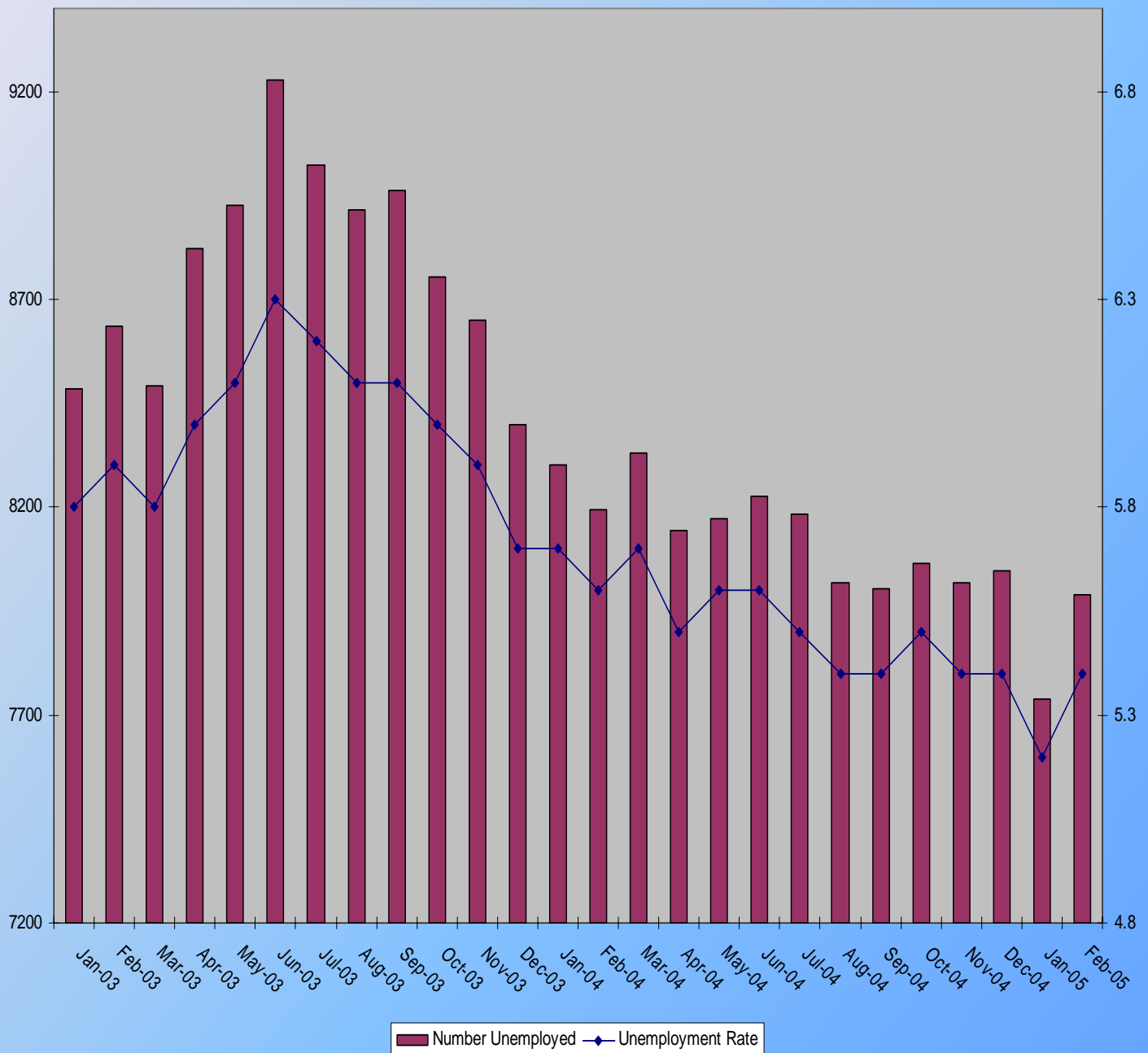
Unemployment Rate Dropped June 2003 to February 2005



Source: U.S. Department of Labor

Number of Unemployed and Unemployment Rate Fell Sharply in Last 2 Years

Number Employed in Thousands

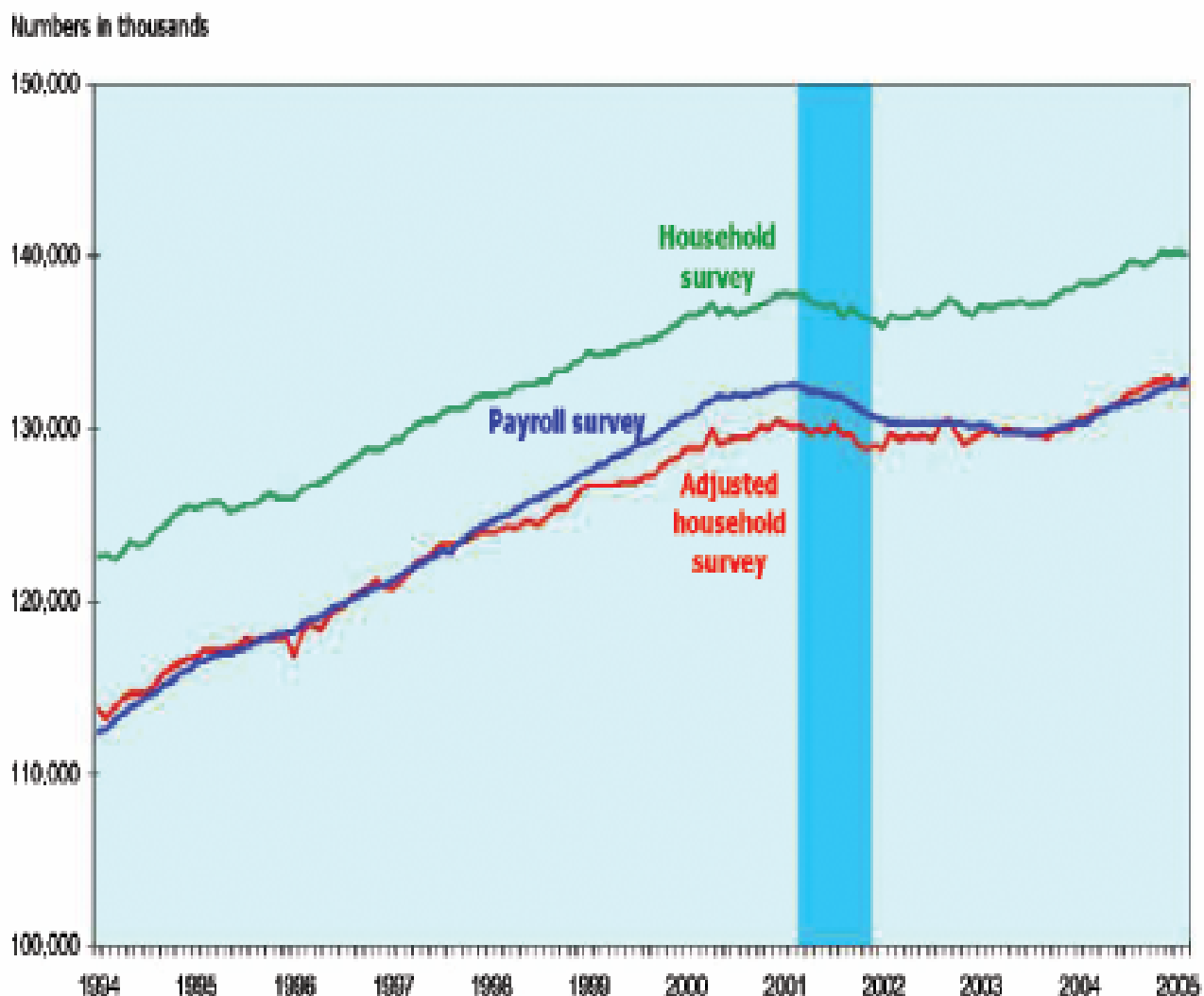


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A strong economy has led to record employment and strong job growth.

- According to the Payroll Survey, non-farm payrolls grew by 262,000 jobs in February.
 - The largest increase since October 2004.
- 207,000 new service sector jobs were created.
 - Professional and business services employment increased by 81,000.
 - Health care employment increased by 23,000 jobs and has added 262,000 jobs in the last 12 months.
- 55,000 new goods-producing jobs were created.
 - 20,000 new manufacturing jobs were added, reversing a 6-month trend.
 - 30,000 new jobs were added in the construction sector.

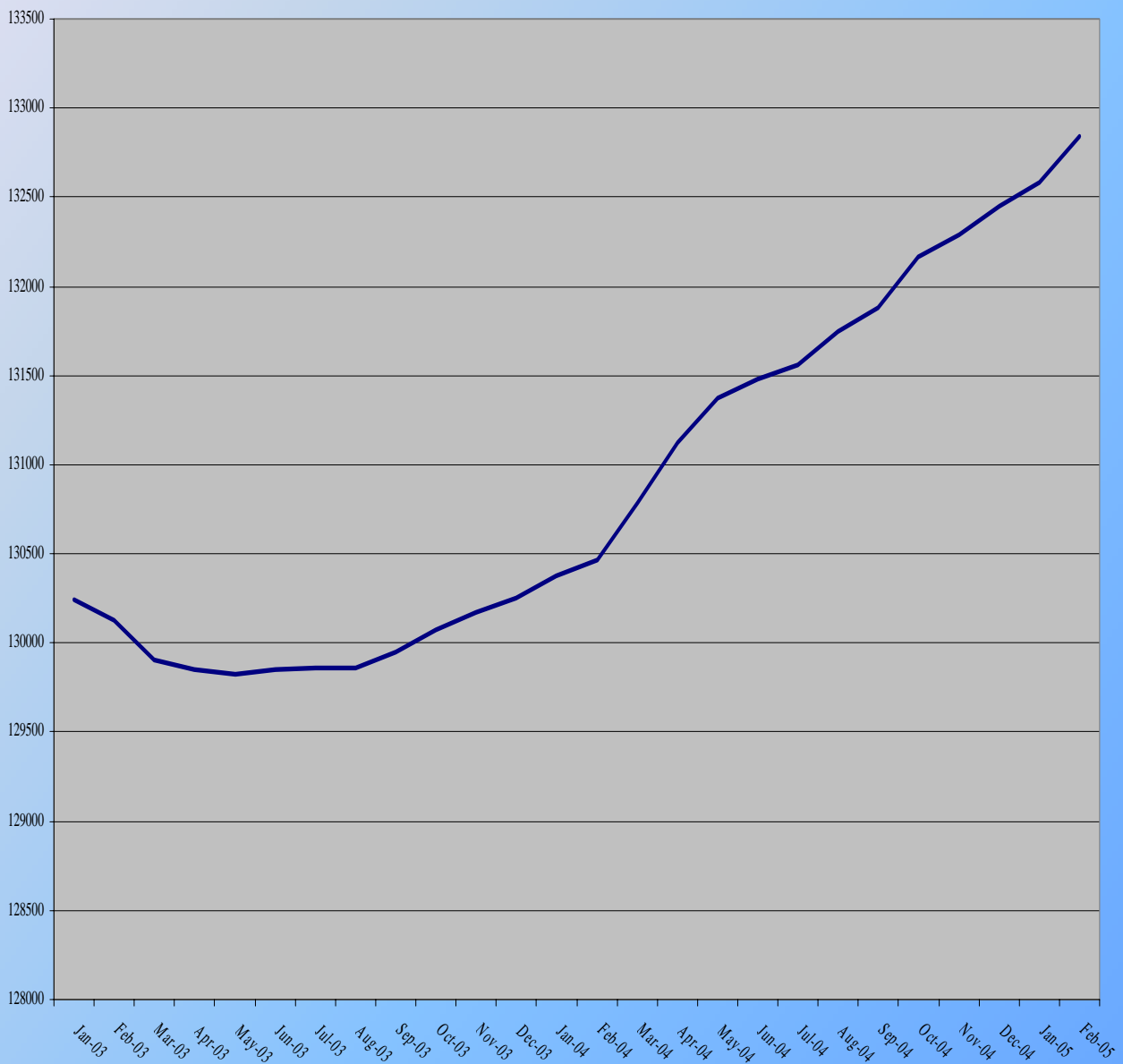
Household and Payroll Survey Employment, Seasonally Adjusted, 1994-2005



NOTE: The household series presented here has been smoothed for population control revisions. The "adjusted" household series has been smoothed for population control revisions and adjusted to an employment concept more similar to the payroll survey. Shaded area indicates recession.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 4, 2005.

2.4 million in job growth from payroll survey over the past 2 years



3 million in employment growth from household survey over the past 2 years

